

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 11 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1437–S1455

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 410–425, S. Res. 34–36, and S. Con. Res. 9. **Pages S1438–39**

Measures Passed:

Authorizing Chamber Photographs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 36, authorizing the taking of photographs in the Chamber of the United States Senate. **Pages S1437–38**

Impeachment of President Clinton: *In closed session*, the Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States. **Page S1437**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if Senator Feinstein offers her motion to suspend the rules in order to attempt to consider a censure resolution and immediately following the reading of the motion by the clerk, Senator Gramm be recognized to offer a motion to postpone the Feinstein motion indefinitely.

Further, that immediately following the reporting of the Gramm motion by the clerk, the Senate proceed to a vote on the Gramm motion.

Further, that following the vote, if two-thirds of the Senate fail to defeat the motion to postpone, then the motion to suspend is withdrawn and that no further motions relative to censure be in order prior to this week's adjournment of the Senate. **Page S1455**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the appointment of a committee of Senators to escort the Chief Justice out of the Senate Chamber at the conclusion of the Court of Impeachment. **Pages S1454–55**

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Friday, February 12, 1999.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning Emigration Laws and Policies of Mongolia; referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–8). **Page S1438**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leonard R. Page, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.

John C. Truesdale, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2003. **Page S1455**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:07 a.m., and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, February 12, 1999.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 313, to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999; and

An original bill to provide for improved monetary policy and regulatory reform in financial institution management and activities, to streamline financial

regulatory agency actions, to provide for improved consumer credit disclosure.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of William Clyburn Jr., of South Carolina, and Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, each to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation; and routine nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard; and

S. 82, authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, with amendments.

EDUCATION BUDGET

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the proposed

budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Education, focusing on special education costs, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, vocational-technical education, career preparation programs, military children, and higher education, after receiving testimony from Vermont State Representative Albert J. Perry, Richford; Paul Marchand, Education Task Force/Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Betsy Brand, American Youth Policy Forum, Edward Kealy, Committee for Education Funding, Anthony Samu, United States Student Association, and William D. Hansen, Education Finance Council, all of Washington, D.C.; H. Allen Gilbert, Worcester School Board, Worcester, Vermont; John F. Deegan, Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Military Impacted Schools Association; and Dunbar Brooks, Baltimore County Public Schools, Towson, Maryland, on behalf of the National School Boards Association.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 2, 705–757; 2 private bills, H.R. 758–759; and 14 resolutions, H.J. Res. 29, H. Con. Res. 32–33, and H. Res. 53–63, were introduced.

Pages H641–44

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey (H. Rept. 106–16).

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Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments: The House passed H.R. 391, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a recorded vote of 274 ayes to 151 noes, Roll No. 20.

Pages H595–H613

Agreed to the McIntosh amendment that specifies that a fine may be imposed for a first time paperwork violation if it has the potential to cause serious harm or present a danger to public health or safety; and adds two representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, including a member from the Health Care Financing Administration, to the task force on streamlining information requirements.

Pages H603–05

Rejected the Kucinich amendment that sought to strike provisions which waive a fine for a first time paperwork violation and establishes a policy or program for Federal agencies, except the IRS, to eliminate, delay, or reduce fines in appropriate circumstances and take into account the seriousness of the violation, public health and safety, consumer and worker protections, the environment, and previous compliance history (rejected by a recorded vote of 210 ayes to 214 noes, Roll No. 19).

Pages H605–12

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 42, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

Pages H590–95

Presidential Message re Mongolia: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his updated report concerning the emigration laws and policies of Mongolia—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–19).

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Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999: The House passed H.R. 437, to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President by yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 21.

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Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 44, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote.

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Monthly Reports by the Postmaster General: The House passed H.R. 705, to make technical corrections with respect to the monthly reports submitted by the Postmaster General on official mail of the House of Representatives. Page H620

Majority Leader Remarks: The Majority Leader announced the schedule for the remainder of February. Pages H619–20

Resignations and Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House. Page H620

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 24, 1999. Page H620

George Washington's Birthday Observance: Agreed that it shall be in order for the Speaker to appoint two Members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Monday, February 22, 1999. Subsequently, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Wolf and Moran of Virginia to represent the House. Pages H620–21

United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly: Representative Bereuter, Chairman, and Representatives Bateman, Bliley, Boehlert, Regula, Roukema, Gillmor, Goss, Deutsch, Borski, Lantos, and Rush. Page H621

Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Houghton as Chairman of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group. Page H621

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Kolbe as Chairman of the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group. Page H621

House of Representatives Page Board: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Kelly and Kolbe to the Page Board. Subsequently, read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Kildee to the Board. Page H621

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative

Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 23, 1999. Page H621

Woman's Progress Commemoration Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Slaughter, Ms. Clayola Brown of New York, New York, and Ms. Barbara Haney of Irvine, New Jersey. Page H621

National Council on the Arts: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Lowey to the National Council on the Arts. Page H621

Trade Deficit Review Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Mr. George Becker of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Kenneth Lewis of Portland, Or., and Mr. Michael Wessel of Falls Church, Va. to the Trade Deficit Review Commission. Page H621

Web-Based Education Commission: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Representative Fattah and Mr. Doug King of St. Louis, Mo. Pages H621–22

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H611–12, H612–13, and H619. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRIBUSINESS CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review agribusiness consolidation. Testimony was heard from Mark Drabenstott, Vice President and Director, Center for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Missouri; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on Export and Trade Financing Agencies. Testimony was heard from James A. Harmon,

President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank; George Munoz, President and CEO, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; and J. Joseph Grandmaison, Director, Trade and Development Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Energy Conservation. Testimony was heard from Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy; and Susan Kladiwa, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, GAO.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Health and Human Services: Jeffrey P. Kopanda, M.D., Director, Center for Disease Control; Nelba Chavez, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and John M. Eissenberg, M.D., Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

PROTECTION EQUIPMENT AND COUNTERMEASURE DEVICES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on protection equipment and countermeasure devices. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. Paul J. Kern, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, (Research, Development, and Acquisition); Patrick Neary, Senior Executive Analyst, Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, both with the U.S. Army; Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, (Resources, Warfare Requirements, and Assessments); Rear Adm. Lowell E. Jacoby, Director, Naval Intelligence; and Lt. Jack Daly, Amphibious Group Three, all with the U.S. Navy; Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commander, Combat Development Command; Michael Decker, Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, (Intelligence), both with the U.S. Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, USAF, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, (Acquisition); and Maj. Gen. Richard R. Paul, USAF, Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory Command, Air Force Material Command, both with the U.S. Air Force.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Continued hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUDGET; COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 438, amended, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999.

The Committee also approved the following: Budget for the 106th Congress and Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

NURSING HOME RESIDENT PROTECTION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 540, Nursing Home Resident Protection Amendments of 1999. Testimony was heard from Representative Davis of Florida; Mike Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ADMINISTRATION'S EDUCATION PROPOSALS AND PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2000

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on the Administration's Education Proposals and Priorities for fiscal year 2000. Testimony was heard from Richard Riley, Secretary of Education.

2000 CENSUS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Census held a hearing on Oversight of the 2000 Census: Examining the Benefits of Post-Census Local Review. Testimony was heard from Representatives Petri and Sawyer; Everett Ehrlich, member, U.S. Census Monitoring Board; Kenneth Blackwell, Secretary of State, State of Ohio; Timothy M. Kaine, Mayor, Richmond, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

POSTAL MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on H.R. 22, Postal Modernization Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from William J. Henderson, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service; the following officials of the Postal Rate Commission: Edward J. Gleiman, Chairman; W.H. LeBlanc III, Vice Chairman; George A. Omas, Ruth Y. Goldway and Dana B. Covington, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 434, amended, African Growth and Opportunity Act; and H.R. 669, Peace Corps Expansion Act.

The Committee also approved its Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on H.R. 434, African Growth and Opportunity Act. Testimony was heard from Susan Rice, Assistant Secretary, African Affairs, Department of State.

NEOTROPICAL MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 39, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Testimony was heard from John Rogers, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Robert McDowell, Director, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Department of Environment Protection and Energy, State of New Jersey; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GETTYSBURG VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Gettysburg general management plan and visitor center. Testimony was heard from Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

BUDGET REQUEST—SCIENCES AT NASA

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Request: The Sciences at NASA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Edward Weiler, Associate Administrator, Space Science; Ghassem Asrar, Associate Administrator, Earth Science; and Arnauld Nicogossian, Associate Administrator, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications; and Claude Canizares, Chairman, Space Studies Board, National Research Council.

BUDGET REQUEST—TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held a hearing to review the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Request for the Technology Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Commerce: Gary Bachula, Acting

Under Secretary, Technology; Raymond Kammer, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General.

SBA'S WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing to review the SBA's Women's Business Center Program. Testimony was heard from Betsy Myers, Associate Deputy Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND OVERSIGHT PLANS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 92, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 251 North Main Street in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as the "Hiram H. Ward Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; H.R. 158, to designate the Federal Courthouse located at 316 North 26th Street in Billings, Montana, as the "James F. Battin Federal Courthouse"; H.R. 233, to designate the Federal building located at 700 East San Antonio Street in El Paso, Texas, as the "Richard C. White Federal Building"; H.R. 396, to designate the Federal building located at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, California, as the "Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building"; H.R. 603, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the application of the Act popularly known as the "Death on the High Seas Act"; and H.R. 661, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to prohibit the commercial operation of supersonic transport category aircraft that do not comply with stage 3 noise levels in the European Union adopts certain aircraft noise regulations.

The Committee also approved the following: further Committee organization and the Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress.

FINANCIAL NEEDS OF AIRPORTS, FAA AND AVIATION SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on the financial needs of airports, the FAA, and the aviation system, focusing on the benefits to passengers and private pilots from increased funding for airport improvements and air traffic control modernization. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Fred Vogt, Director, Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGETS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on the Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission fiscal year 2000 Budgets. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Transportation: Adm. James M. Loy, USCG, Commandant; and Master Chief Petty Officer Vincent Patton, III; Edward P. Walsh, Managing Director, Federal Maritime Commission; and John H. Anderson, Jr., Issue Area Director, Transportation Issues, GAO.

CAPITOL COMPLEX—FIRE SAFETY ISSUES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation held a hearing on fire safety issues within the Capitol Complex. Testimony was heard from John W. Lainhart, Inspector General, U.S. House of Representatives; Herb Franklin, Executive Assistant, Architect of the Capitol; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF MOTOR CARRIERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Ground Transportation held a hearing on oversight of the Office of Motor Carriers: Part One. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jack Basso, Assistant Secretary, Budget and Programs, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth R. Wykle, Administrator, and Julie Anna Cirillo, Program Manager, Motor Carrier and Highway Safety, both with the Federal Highway Administration.

VA BUDGET

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2000 Budget of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT COVERAGE CORRECTIONS ACT; SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM LESSONS LEARNED; COMMITTEE BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT PLANS

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 416, Federal Retirement Coverage Corrections Act.

The Committee also hold a hearing on social security reform lessons learned in other countries. Testi-

mony was heard from Dan Crippen, Director, CBO; James Roosevelt, Associate Commissioner, Retirement Policy, SSA; and public witnesses.

The Committee approved the following: Committee Budget; and Oversight Plans for the 106th Congress.

MEDICARE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT; COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Management of the Medicare Program. Testimony was heard from Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

Prior to the hearing, the Subcommittee met for organizational purposes.

FIGHTING FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM—IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the Importance of Trade Negotiations in Fighting Foreign Protectionism. Testimony was heard from Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative.

COUNTERNARCOTICS BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on counternarcotics. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 1999****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation and Credit, hearing to review agricultural credit outlook, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, to continue hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, February 12

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, February 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

House Chamber

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